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Dear Sir:

I found it refreshing and pleasing to see your book placed ALONGSIDE Possners new money making paperback edition (his foreward is equally unrelenting and a waste of time) in DUTHIE books here in Vancouver.
The upstairs part of this well known store had possners book also displayed separately with other current 'best' sellers.

Although I grant Possner due credit for some reasonable effort at research, I found his tone arrogant and not very objective or open minded. His two page illustration on Oswalds movements from the time of the shooting until he left the building (perhaps bumping into newsman Robin McNeil?) is a waste of two pages on the movements of an alleged assassin that everyone is already familiar with!. He fired some shots, went downstairs and got a softdrink, collected his demented wits, then fled the building. Luckily enough Possner didn't mistake Billy Lovelady for Oswald.

The title of his book "Case Closed" did not even have a question mark beside it! At least he could have done that.
The 'smoke' from the grassy knoll was, POSSIBLY, a STEAM vent??
Good timing for the steam vent.
And poor deaf mute Ed Hoffman. IF he did in fact see what he said he saw, then he has my eternal respect and sympathy and may God grant him peace of mind and sanity for the rest of his days!!!

I guess, what it boils down to, after all the confusing, bewildering, contradictory, amateur and professional investigating is over and done with is that as you said at the end of the A&E show----'the sytem failed.'
I am not a researcher or an 'assassin nut', just an admirer of a President, who despite his flaws, brought a bit of hope and vision and energy to his country and the world!
Everything about his demise has become such a bizarre circus sideshow that it no longer matters to me how many shots there were, or who shot from where, etc. etc. but instead the fact that one question has never been addressed by ANY researcher anywhere to date and that is the 'secret service agents' seen both before and after the assassination around the 'grassy knoll' (grassy slope). That to me, along with poorly conducted government investigations and the failure to thoroughly scrutinize and question all living witnesses (even on polygraph) is what leaves me doubting people like Possner.
I guess that when any group wishes to knock off a President they dont want 'any loose ends' as Richard Widmark said many times in the movie the "Domino Principle."

at least, after thirty painful years of both hopelessly amateur and a few seriously professional investigations, what it boils down to is that the system failed.....even IF Oswald was alone, a meticulously detailed investigation in 1964 might have done justice to the American people, democracy and the constitution of the United States.
JFK would have enjoyed SEVEN DAYS IN MAY had he lived to see it.

Possners book, ill timed to make a buck and voraciously gobbled up by the media was an injustice to society.

Regards (and thanks!)
T. E. Beck.

P.S. Another book "Fatal Error" about a secret service agent on Kennedy's preparations!. It tells the truth & suggests in need book bins.

As far I mean many disagreements an objective letter to Posner but got no reply.

In one TV interview of Posner you could see that all "Reasonable Doubt" Life magazine of 1966 of Zapruder frames lying on a table. He's quite a researcher!

The real danger of Posner book is that the media gave so much attention to the work of a ~~high~~ researcher.